



MEDIA STATEMENT

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OVER 80 000 CATTLE VACCINATED AGAINST FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE IN UMZINYATHI

As of 02 September 2026, just over 80 000 cattle have been vaccinated against Foot and Mouth Disease, with the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development's Veterinary Services deployed across uMzinyathi District.

The figures at the conclusion of the first two areas are 27 130 in uMvoti and 54,094 in Msinga, bringing the total to 81 224 cattle vaccinated in the district so far.

Meanwhile, the teams have since moved to Nquthu and eNdumeni and will be inoculating animals until 12 September 2026.

The MEC for Agriculture and Rural Development, Mrs Thembeni kaMadlopha-Mthethwa, has commended livestock owners for bringing their animals to the diptanks, saying it shows farmers are eager to restore the wellbeing of their animals following months of waiting for their turn in the region.

The provincial vaccination drive started earlier this year and the teams have vaccinated about 1.8 million cattle across KwaZulu-Natal to date.

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